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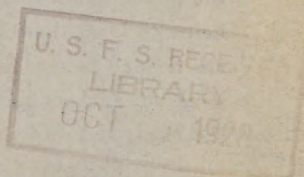
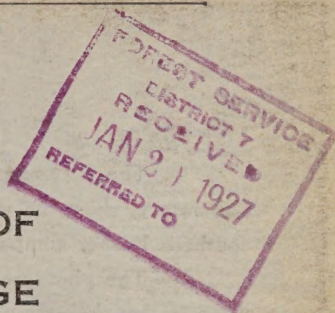
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THREE STYLES OF
STICKER STORAGE



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The accompanying photographs, taken by the Forest Products Laboratory, show the wide differences in the care given stickers by three southern lumber companies.

The photograph at the upper left shows a collection of stickers piled so that they are almost certain to acquire a high percentage of crook, breakage, and rot and transmit crook and rot to any boards which they may be used to separate later. Careless handling of stickers has a bad psychological effect on the yard personnel and will naturally lead to poor stacking and careless handling methods, all of which will result in more or less degrade and waste.

Although piling stickers in racks between the lumber piles as shown at the upper right hinders air circulation to some extent, it is much more apt to keep the stickers straight, dry, and free from decay.

A third lumber company stores stickers in the shed shown in the bottom photograph. Storing stickers in a central shed when not in use helps to keep them dry, straight, and free from rot, and fewer stickers are needed to run the yard. When the sticker supply is so centralized decayed stickers are likely to come to notice when they are brought to the shed, and so may be destroyed before contaminating more lumber.

Partially decayed stickers in a pile of lumber are almost sure to cause "sticker rot" to develop and spread from the points of contact between boards and stickers.

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